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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PSB Meeting, 19 February 1953

At the meeting with his Deputies on 20 February, Mr. Dulles reported on the PSB luncheon held on 19 February as follows:

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a. [REDACTED] reported on the PSB. General Smith has suggested that [REDACTED] might be asked to stay on as Acting Director of the PSB until the Jackson report has been filed.

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b. The Voice of America was discussed in some detail. The crisis in the Congressional investigation seems to have passed and the danger of it being cut off without funds has apparently diminished. Mr. Robert L. Johnson, President of Temple University has been asked to consider assuming the Directorship of VOA.

c. A replacement for General Magruder was discussed. Richard Bissell was suggested, although Mr. Stassen observed that Bissell is still tied into NSA.

d. Mr. Wilson's letter on "brain washing" was discussed. Mr. Stassen expressed the view that a press release is not the best way to handle this, and suggested instead that a leading doctor or scientist might read a paper on the subject at a scientific conference, thus reducing Government attribution and still gaining wide publicity. Mr. Dulles indicated that CIA would get together everything available on the subject.

e. It was suggested that Mr. C. D. Jackson, in his new capacity as Special Assistant to the President, be asked to join in the PSB meetings though without membership on the Board.

f. The assignment of General McClure was discussed. General Smith suggested that possibly Gen. McClure might be considered as a replacement for Gen. Magruder in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. (The assignment of Gen. McClure to Iran was later made definitive.)

g. NSC 143 was discussed in general terms.

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